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Swedenborgians, whose publications during the period under review were four times as numerous as those of any other Christian communion.' It is evident, however, that before national manners and customs can be so changed as to produce peace and good-will towards men, the world's *heart* or its *will* must be attuned to truth by a long series of struggles, as in the case of the individual in the work of reformation and regeneration. And the heart is indeed slow to be moved."

A PLEASING SIMILE.

"The Bible gives us a very fine image of this obstinacy of the will, or its indifference to truth, in the story of Esau's birthright. The two brothers, Esau and Jacob, represent hieroglyphically the two faculties of the soul, the will and the understanding. The will is slow of regeneration, because it long continues heedless of its immortal birthright to Heaven; but this birthright is as inalienable as man's freedom, of which it represents the very essence. It is to be observed that the understanding, represented by Jacob, the younger brother, is the first to be enlightened by a glimmer of truth, and of this he very dexterously avails himself in order to seize upon Esau's heritage. Things remain in that condition until the heart, that is to say the will, consents in its turn to be imbued with truth, which thenceforward is transformed into good. Thus the will is regenerated and it resumes its proper domination over the intellect, or understanding. Esau therefore recovers his birthright, according to the biblical prophecy: 'It shall come to pass that when thou shalt have the dominion (over thy brother) that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.' So if faith in its relations to charity or truth in its relations to goodness, is first as regards time, it is destined to become last as regards the end in view, as soon as the work of regeneration is completed. Then truth or faith serves as an instrument to goodness or charity; just as the understanding serves as an instrument to the regenerated will."

THE NEW WILL.

"The new will, thus attuned to the dictates of man's better reason and judgment, comes into useful operation. . . . The rights of man, proclaimed in 1789, and accepted in the spirit by all civilized nations, have led to the recognition that the heart of humanity beats in France. . . . It is believed that it is chiefly between the United States and France that the first treaty making international arbitration the law of these two great nations will be concluded. . . . Unfortunately, humanity, in view of its real destinies, is still far from having conquered its social unity or autonomy. In the meantime, those who look forward to the establishment of the city of God descending out of heaven will find hope and encouragement in the doctrines of the New Jerusalem. These doctrines will enable them to remove the veil from the literal sense of all the inspired books of the Bible and to raise their thoughts to a conception of more internal things. They unfold notions of social justice, far higher than those which it would be possible to adapt to our present humanity, but which may even now serve in more clearly specifying the rights to which modern society is entitled."

The Swiss Federal Council has concluded a loan of twenty million francs. The money will be devoted mainly to the purchase of arms.

CHILDREN OF THE SUN.

AUGUSTA CLINTON WINTHROP.

Deo et Ecclesia Sua.

"Therefore under the similitude of a vast army is figured the great Church of the Saints! and these likewise may be likewise styled 'Children of the Sun,' since they are in their witness and shedding of their blood for the testimony of Jesus, do set forth the eternal brightness of the Sun of Righteousness, and do march onward, resistless, unto heavenly thrones drawing after them, as it were, a great company of souls from bondage."—*Treflin's "Mirror of Catholic Truth."*

As seeks the sun the western skies
I see a mighty army rise,
And forward press through cloudless noons,
Through mists of many changeless moons,
Until, as his, their race be run
For they are Children of the Sun!

No single land gave birth to these
From scattered isles of southern seas,
From perfumed groves of Isaphan,
From desert tent of Nomad Khan
They gather, and their aim is one,
For all are Children of the Sun.

From Brahma's school of mystic lore,
From ancient Egypt's silent shore,
From sad Siberia's waste of snow,
From torrid Afric's fiery glow,
Their march resistless is begun,
For they are Children of the Sun.

A countless host! From vast Cathay
Forth from Japan's relentless sway,*
From every clime the Roman knew
From western lands, Brazil, Peru,
From new found worlds but lately won,
They pour—the Children of the Sun.

Still on and ever on they press
Undaunted through the wilderness;
Though mountains bar and seas be wide,
They scatheless reach the further side;
Of foe or perils there are none
Can stay the Children of the Sun.

Behold them pass! All heart strings thrill
With keen desire and kindling will
And eager souls with purpose burn.
Arise, ye bound, your trammels spurn,
And follow them. He Heaven has won
Who joins the Children of the Sun.

*See "Missions on Martyrs in Japan."

S. S. Cephalonia, Aug. 21, 1889.

People who are afraid that any possible concession of the good will and kindly purposes of Catholics will lead to Protestant subjugation to a foreign ecclesiastical power give little credit to the spirit of American liberty which actuates our native-born citizenship and our time-honored institutions.—*Springfield Union*.

—Sir Wilfrid Lawson makes a strong point in a recent speech by quoting Mr. Gladstone as saying that "the drinking which goes on in the United Kingdom brings upon England the accumulated evils of war, pestilence and famine."